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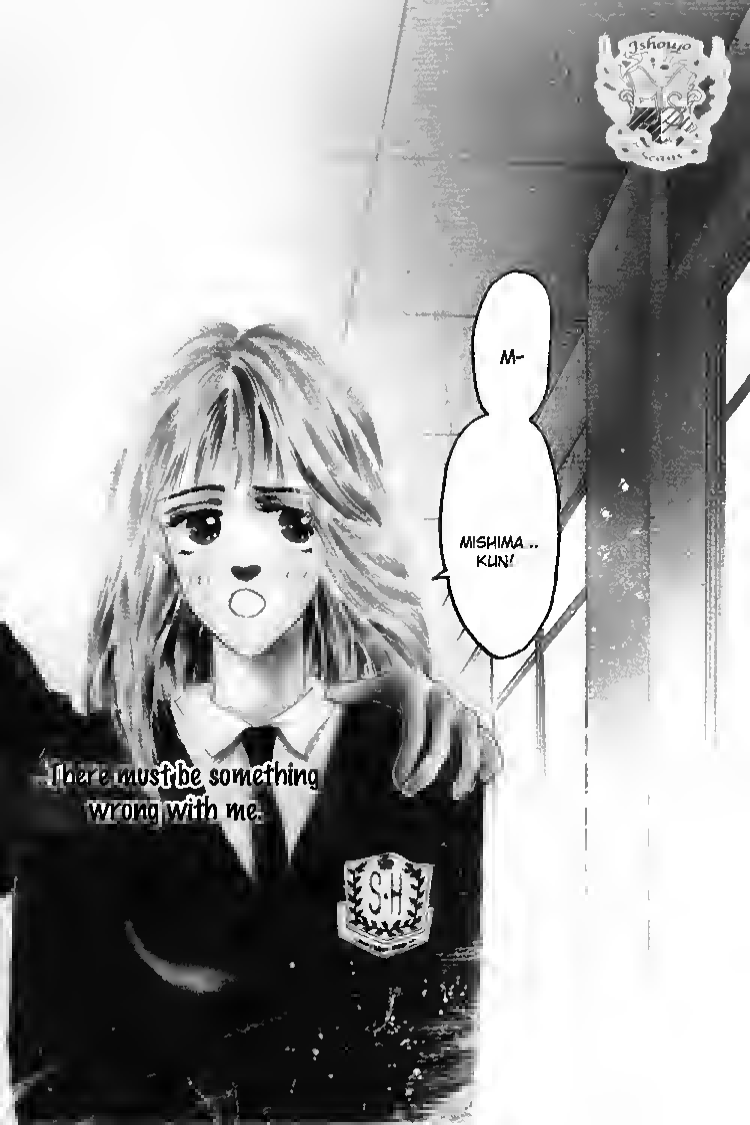
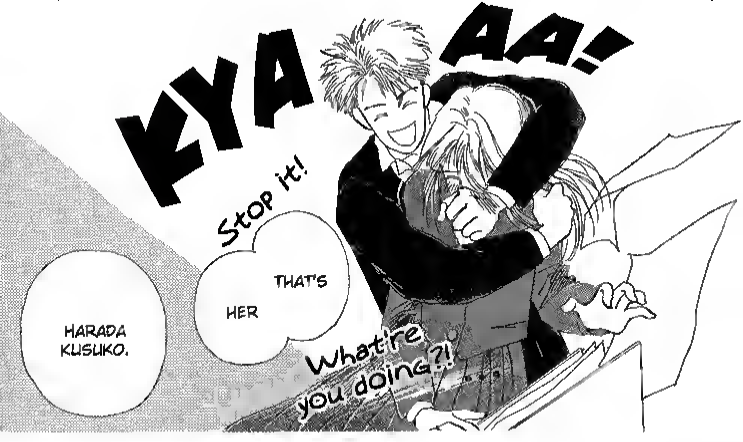
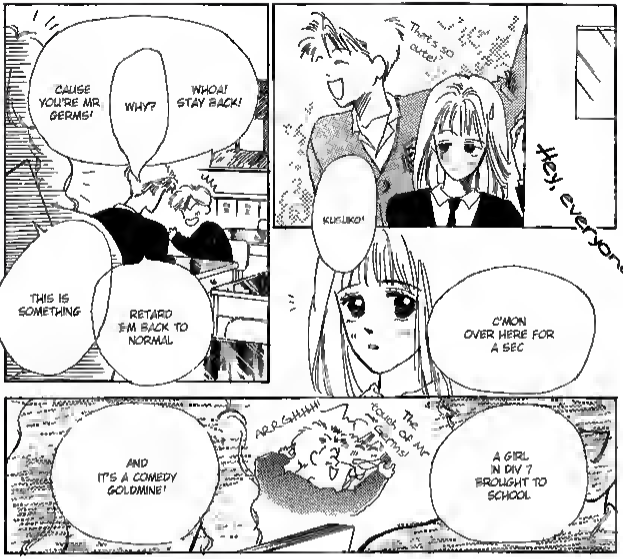

Shoujo
Scans
M-
MISHIMA ..
KUN!
There must be something wrong with me.
S·H

To think
sigh of relief..
that something like this
YOUR HAND...

would make me feel as if my heart was located on my shoulder.



Even when he does it as a joke,
I WONDER
my heart beats faster.
HOW LONG IT'LL LAST THIS TIME
Yeah no kidding
I guess there's no helping it.
Shiomizu Kotaro
KOTARO!?!
He permed his hair!
BURST OF LAUGHTER
HEY NO WAY! IS THIS-
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HEY, SHOW ME! SHOW ME!


CAUSE YOU'RE MR. GERMS!
WHY?
WHOA! STAY BACK!
THIS IS SOMETHING
RETARD 'EM BACK TO NORMAL
That's so cute!
KUKUKU!
Hey, everyone~
C'MON OVER HERE FOR A SEC
A GIRL IN DIV 7 BROUGHT TO SCHOOL
The Touch Of Mr. Germs!
AND IT'S A COMEDY GOLDMINE!

IT'S THE GRADUATION ALBUM FROM DISTRICT 1 JUNIOR HIGH!

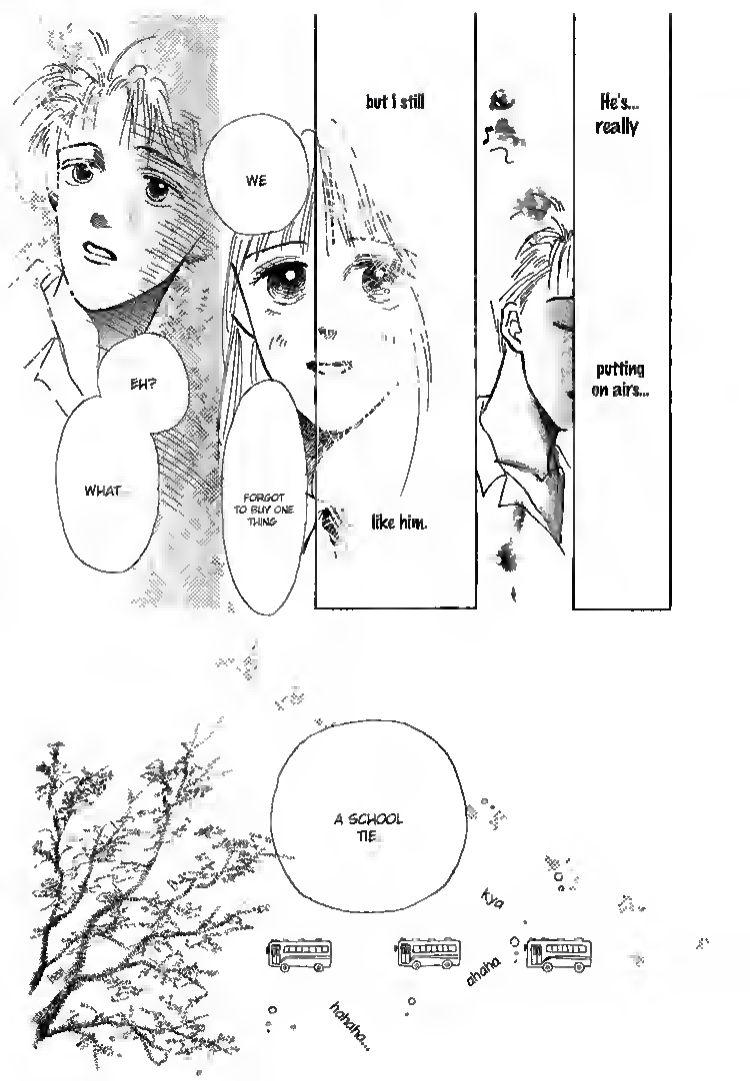
AHAHA HAHA

Mishima...
from back in junior high?
Mishima Takeshi
THERE!
shima
Those eyes...
PHOTOGRAPHS...
Uggh...! Shut up!
The seat seat the beat, so the beat was beaten by the beat.
WHAT'RE YOU BLUSHING FOR?
YOU'RE GONNA GET BEAT BY KUSUKO
HE'S SO COOL... I knew it!
SMACK
DON'T GO 'ROUND LOOKING AT LAME STUFF LIKE THAT,
REALLY DO REFLECT THE INNER CONTENT OF A PERSON'S HEART, DON'T THEY?
Kouched
BEATS ME
WHO IS THIS CHICK--?

YOU! FOOL!
NO SCHOOL TRIP FOR YOU!
AHHH C'MON, TEACH, GIVE ME A BREAK~
I LOST IT
MISHIMA! WHAT'D YOU DO WITH YOUR SCHOOL TIE?
I really do think
MISS PIGGY.
HEH
that photographs reflect a person's heart
I don't care what you use,
Just make sure you have one!
LET'S TRY AND SEE IF WE CAN SPOT HER LATER!
EH...?
I HEARD
THAT HE FOUGHT WITH KOTA OVER A GIRL IN THEIR CLASS.
Their true...
706
Mishima
THIS IS ALL THE STUFF WE NEED FOR THE SCHOOL TRIP
UNDERWEAR, TOOTHBRUSH, TOWEL--
WE BOUGHT EVERYTHING WE NEED, RIGHT?
DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A CAMERA ALONG?
I DON'T LIKE TAKING PHOTOS

THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO JUST MAKE PEACE SIGNS FOR THE CAMERA WITHOUT SEEING ANYTHING AROUND THEM
EVERYTHING IS ENGRAINED IN YOUR MIND
EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT IN A FORM THAT YOU CAN SEE AFTERWARDS
YOU CAN JUST SEE WHATEVER YOU WANT WITH YOUR OWN EYES.
PLUS IT'S A WASTE OF TIME
YOU GET SO CAUGHT UP IN TAKING 'EM THAT YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE
THUMP
being in Mishima-kun's room.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
HAVE A SEAT
This is my second time
What an
empty room...
OH

THERE.
YOUR ROOM'S SO BARE. SO WHY DON'T YOU PUT A PLANT THERE?
AN ADAM'S NEEDLE WOULD LOOK CUTE.
...YOU KNOW,
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS
OF THINGS THAT DON'T SAY ANYTHING


WE
EH?
WHAT
FORGOT TO BUY ONE THING
but I still
like him.
He's... really
putting on airs...
A SCHOOL TIE
kya
ahaha
hahaha...

The first day of the school trip-

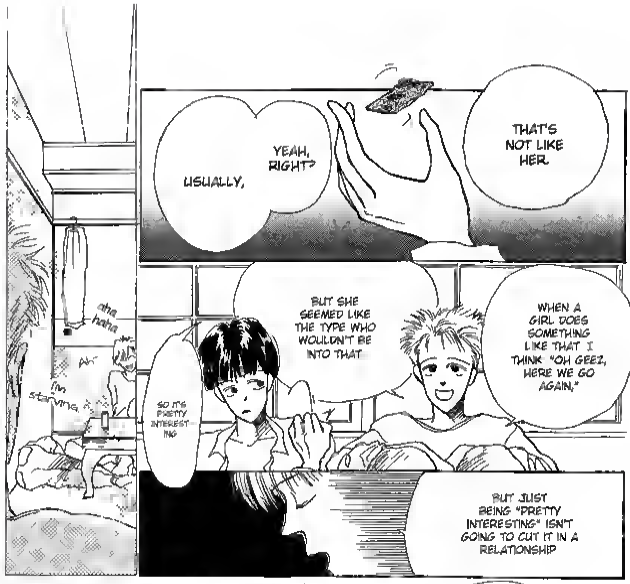
1980 yen? No way!
KUSUKO
KOSAKA'S GLARING AT YOU
LOOK! YOU KNOW HOW SHE WAS LIKE SEWING MISHIMA'S BUTTON FOR HIM AND ALL THAT, RIGHT?
HUH?
HE JUST FELL ASLEEP, THAT'S ALL
YOU GUYS'VE GOTTEN TO BE SO CLOSE!
That's cute.
OH REALLY~?
How much do you think it is?
KYA KYA KYA
But you know I like that side of you.
MIKI
snickers
POOR GIRL~
BUT YOU SNATCHED HIM AWAY FROM RIGHT UNDER HER NOSE!
SHE HAD HER SIGHTS SET ON HIM,
You look like a little kid now.
You cut your hair, didn't ya?
Time for lunch~ Time for lunch~
noise
noise
noise
noise
For all those times
until now

I want to find a lot more things about him that I like,
I want to make it up.
that I wasn't honest with myself.
SURE
STOP BY OUR ROOM LATER
NOISE
and I want to like him all the more.
YAY! WELCOME, LADIES~!
CHIRP!
Come on in!
HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN THIS ROOM ANYWAY?
YO, KOSAKA! MOVE OUTTA THE WAY!
EH? BUT WHY?
DO YOU EVEN HAVE TO ASK? KUSUKO'S HERE!
SO OPEN UP THE SEAT NEXT TO TAKESHI!
Whoa-

I'm sure
DO YOU WANT SOME?
CREAM PUFF
ya little whoa-
aha ha...
CREAM
I'll come to like him more and more.
ahah aha

WELL THEN...OFF YOU GO!
NOISE
RETURN TO THIS SPOT AT 3 O'CLOCK!
NOISE
EVERY-ONE GOT IT? SO IT'S 3 O'CLOCK!
NOISE
NOISE
NOISE
NOISE
WE DON'T NEED IT THOUGH, DO WE?
Well then, where do you wanna go?
YEAH...
HEY, LOOK!
The God of Match-making
THERE'RE GIRLS BUY-ING THOSE THINGS...

GO AND BUY ONE!
SWISH
HEY...
I'm starting
to understand why
so many girls
KYAAA!
him.
like
Love
THEY SAID
IT NURTURES LOVE
IS THAT RIGHT?
I can understand why...


aha haha
ah~
I'm starving
SO IT'S PRETTY INTERESTING
BUT SHE SEEMED LIKE THE TYPE WHO WOULDN'T BE INTO THAT
WHEN A GIRL DOES SOMETHING LIKE THAT I THINK "OH GEEZ, HERE WE GO AGAIN,"
BUT JUST BEING "PRETTY INTERESTING" ISN'T GOING TO CUT IT IN A RELATIONSHIP
YEAH, RIGHT?
USUALLY,
THAT'S NOT LIKE HER

THUMP!
A FRIEND OF MINE TOO YA KNOW?
KUSUKO'S
I DON'T WANT THINGS
TO GET ALL AWKWARD YA KNOW?

ARE YOU SLEEPY?
Wanna play Usuroroaka Manuke*?
NAH, I'M OKAY.
Yeah, but people get so into that game that...
ahahaha
SHHH...
DROP YOUR VOICES, PEOPLE!
giggle giggle
SHHHH~
SHHHH~
*A card game
MISHIMA -KUN?
ahahaha
What're you saying?
MISHIMA -KUN...
PUFF
KY...!
ARE YOU GOING TO SLEEP?
SWISH

KYAA—
KYA—
KYAA—
UM...
I
THINK
I KINDA MADE A MISTAKE
ahahaha
Who wants to drink coke?
NOISE
NOISE
NOISE

...I
thought he was going to kiss me.
He's
saying something really weird.
He... made a mistake...?
...
SWISH

TAKESHI, I'VE BEEN CALLING YOUR NAME LIKE A MILLION TIMES!
LET ME BORROW THIS OKAY?
IT'S GETTING KINDA COLD
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, YOU PERVERTS?!
HEY! THIS IS THE BUTTON I SEWED ON FOR YOU!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
what he said just now...?
Or does he mean
About Kosaka?

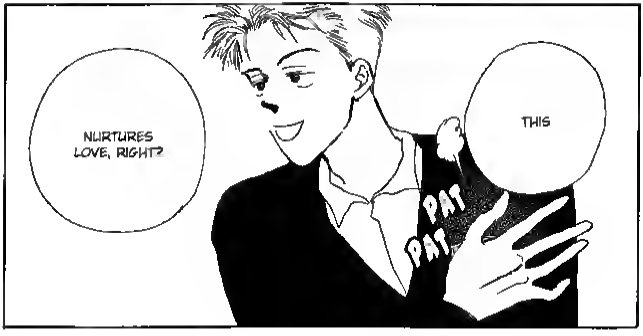
THEY'VE GOT IT SO GREAT...
NOISE
NOISE
NOISE
NOISE
THEY'VE GOT A HOT BUS GUIDE...
I WONDER IF THEY'RE IN JUNIOR HIGH?
PROBABLY THEY HAVE KIDS FACES...
I DON'T WANT THEM EITHER!
WHAT? I HATE THESE ONES.
KYA--! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YO TAKESHI! LOOK!
THAT BUS GUIDE'S REALLY CUTE
Why are you resisting?
I SAID you can have it!
I don't want it--
When will you just let up?

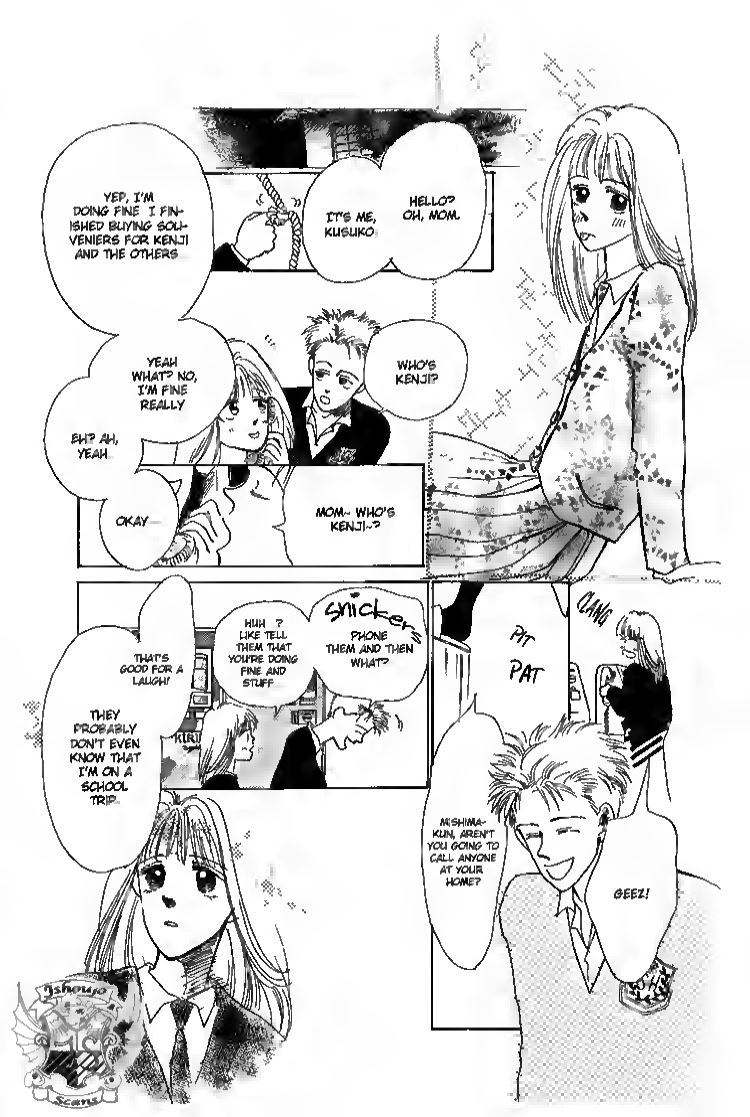
FINE I'LL EAT IT FOR YOU.
OH?
IN RETURN THOUGH, CAN YOU TELL ME SOMETHING?
IT'S NO USE HE AIN'T LISTEN-ING
It's more peaceful that way.
HAHA, WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
YOU FOUGHT WITH KOTA OVER HER
AND YOU ENDED UP COMING OUT ON TOP, RIGHT?
TELL ME ABOUT THE GIRL YOU USED TO LIKE BACK IN JUNIOR HIGH
I LOOKED AT YOUR GRADUATION ALBUM.
BUT I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHO IT COULD BE AT ALL.
NONE OF THEM REALLY "CLICKED."

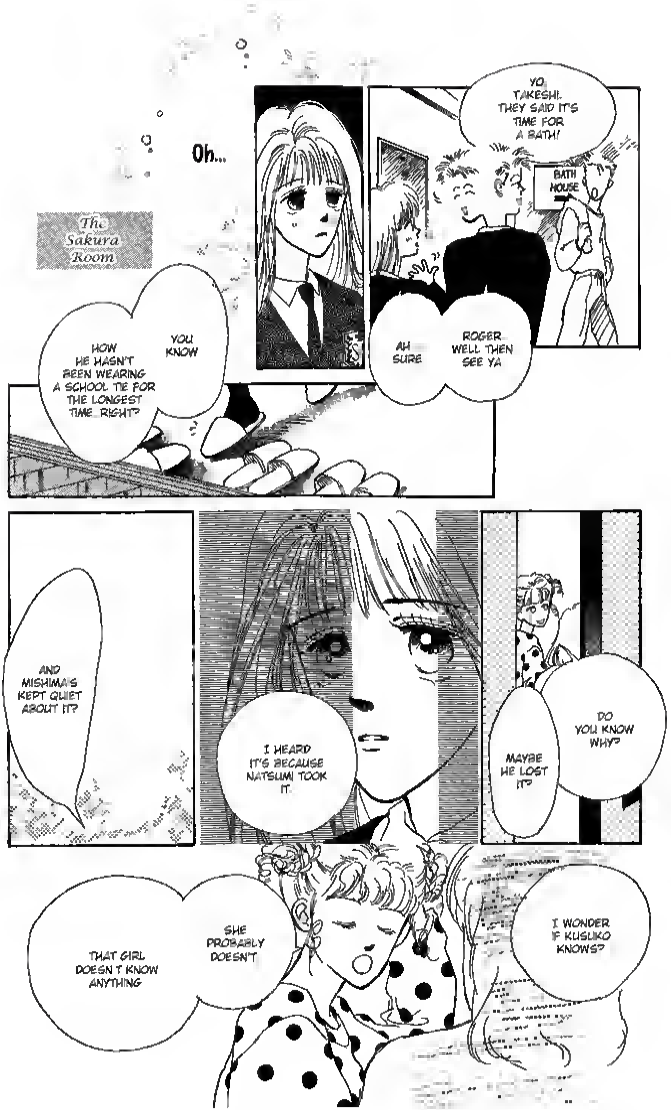
NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!
THAT HAS
SPONK
!
JUST TELL HER IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S A BIG SECRET
MORON~
WELL, YA SEE,
THERE WAS THIS REAL CUTIE PIE BACK WHEN WE WERE IN GRADE 9
WE BOTH FELL FOR HER PRETTY HARD, SEE?
AND IN THE END, I ENDED UP GETTING SHOT DOWN!
THUMP!
EVEN THOUGH THEY WENT OUT, IT WAS ONLY TILL THE END OF GRADE 9
NOTHING'S HAPPENED WITH THEM SINCE GRADUATION,
SO ALL THEIR TIES'VE BEEN CUT
AHA HAHA
YOU'VE GOT ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, KUSUKO~
PAT

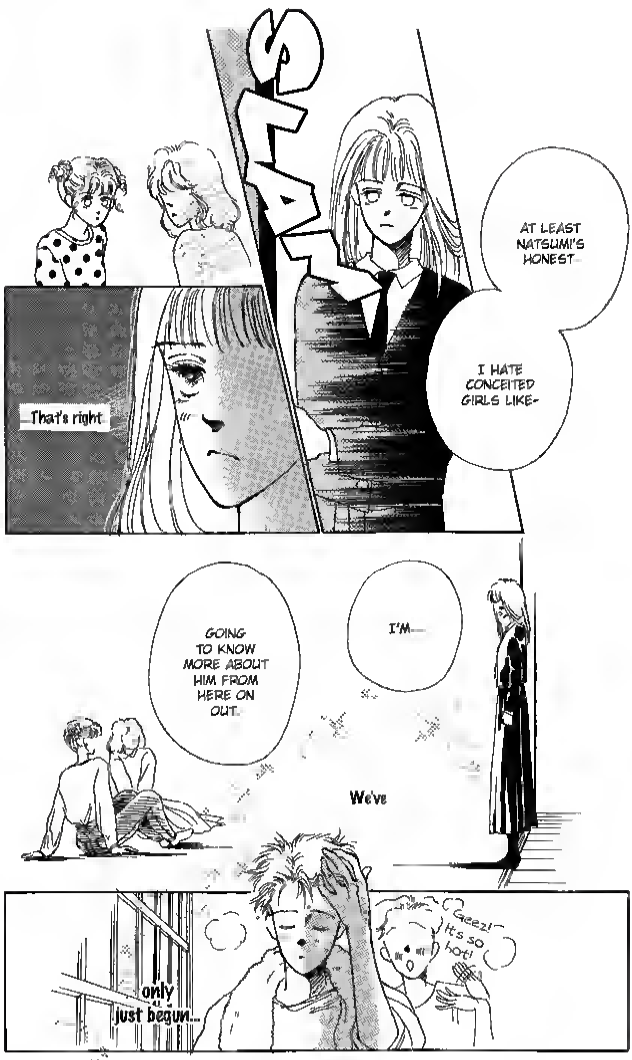
It's because...
I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK IT MUST'VE BEEN REALLY SERIOUS
FOR SOMEONE LIKE MISHIMA-KUN WHO DOESN'T SEEM TO GET OBSESSED WITH ANYTHING
TO "FIGHT" OVER SOMEONE
WHY ARE YOU SO CONCERNED ON SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST, ANYWAY?
after being told something like that...
It's only normal to wonder.
ha...
HEY YOU,

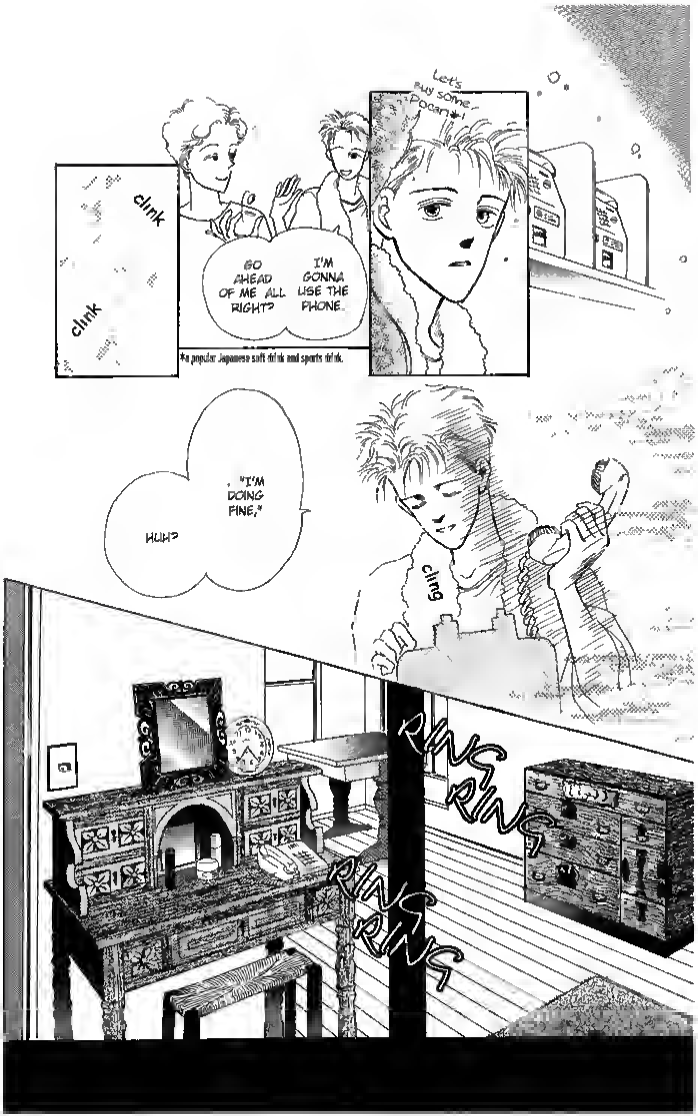
I don't know why...
but my chest hurts...
WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR ANYWAY?
aha haha


NURTURES LOVE, RIGHT?
THIS
PAT
PAT


HELLO? OH, MOM.
IT'S ME, KUSUKO.
YEP, I'M DOING FINE I FINISHED BUYING SOUVENIERS FOR KENJI AND THE OTHERS
WHO'S KENJI?
YEAH WHAT? NO, I'M FINE REALLY
EH? AH, YEAH
OKAY
MOM~ WHO'S KENJI~?
PIT PAT
CLANG
MISHIMA-KUN, AREN'T YOU GOING TO CALL ANYONE AT YOUR HOME?
GEEZ!
HUH ? LIKE TELL THEM THAT YOU'RE DOING FINE AND STUFF
PHONE THEM AND THEN WHAT?
THAT'S GOOD FOR A LAUGH!
THEY PROBABLY DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT I'M ON A SCHOOL TRIP
Snickers


The Sakura Room
Oh...
YO, TAKESHI. THEY SAID IT'S TIME FOR A BATH!
BATH HOUSE
ROGER. WELL THEN SEE YA
AH SURE
YOU KNOW HOW HE HASN'T BEEN WEARING A SCHOOL TIE FOR THE LONGEST TIME...RIGHT?
AND MISHIMA'S KEPT QUIET ABOUT IT?
I HEARD IT'S BECAUSE NATSUMI TOOK IT.
MAYBE HE LOST IT?
DO YOU KNOW WHY?
THAT GIRL DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING
SHE PROBABLY DOESN'T
I WONDER IF KUSUKO KNOWS?


SLAM
AT LEAST NATSUMI'S HONEST
I HATE CONCEITED GIRLS LIKE-
...That's right
GOING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM FROM HERE ON OUT.
I'M—
We've
only ...just begun...
Geez! It's so hot!


clink
clink
GO AHEAD OF ME ALL RIGHT?
I'M GONNA USE THE PHONE.
Let's buy some Pocari*
*a popular Japanese soft drink and sports drink.
HUH?
"I'M DOING FINE,"
cling
RING RING
RING RING

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM? WE KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU, YOU KNOW!
ABOUT HOW YOU WERE BAD-MOUTHING TAKESHI, CALLING HIM
A PLAYER AND ALL THAT...
SMOKERS
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING...?
We've only just begun.

THAT'S BETWEEN ME AND HIM, ISN'T IT?
IT'S NOTHING YOU SHOULD STICK YOUR HEAD IN OVER!
SHOUKO-SAN,
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

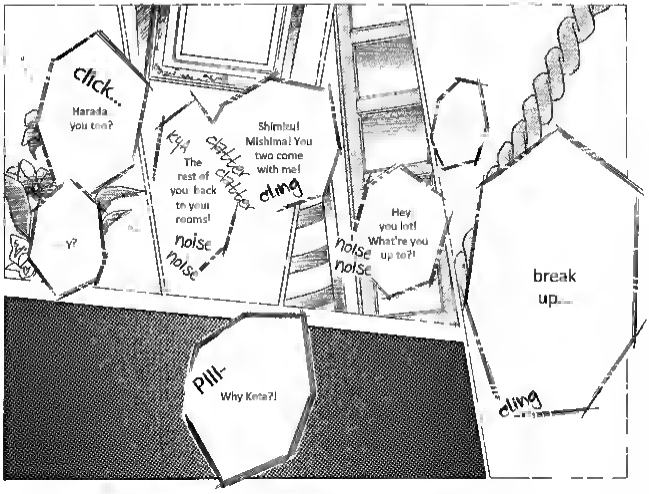
Hello...
Take-shi...
...
YOU...
HAVEN'T CUT YOUR TIES WITH HER?

SQUEEZE
...OH
SHIT~
BUSTED
AND YET,
YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH KUSUKO?

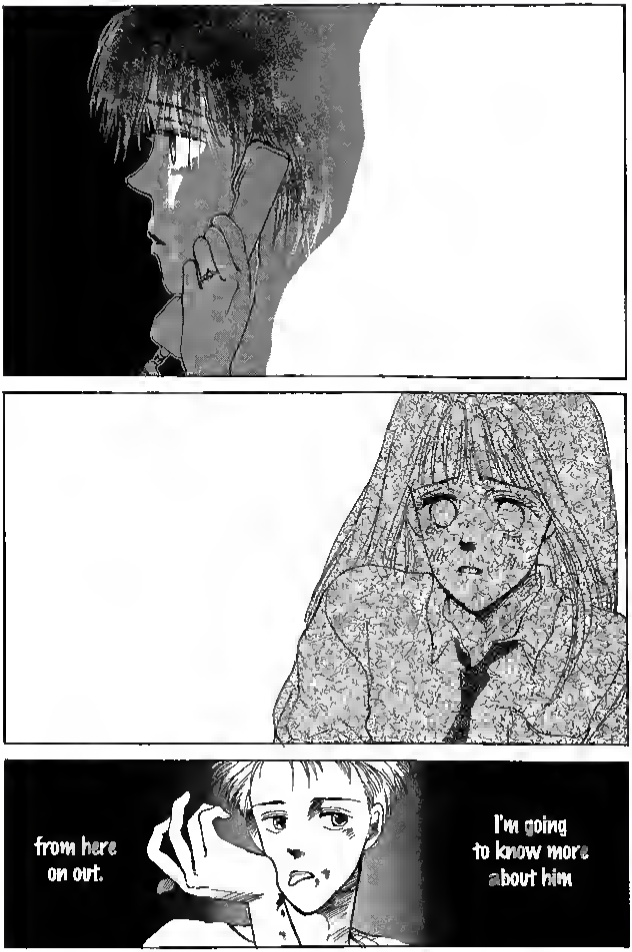
MISHIMA'S-
KUSUKO!
STOP IT
KOTA...!
KYA!
KYA!
THUD
THUD...
THUD
THUD

Kota?
What's wrong?
Whoa!
C'mon!
SCUM!
YOU'RE
ABOUT ANYONE OTHER THAN YOURSELF?!
CAN'T YOU THINK...
N...O!

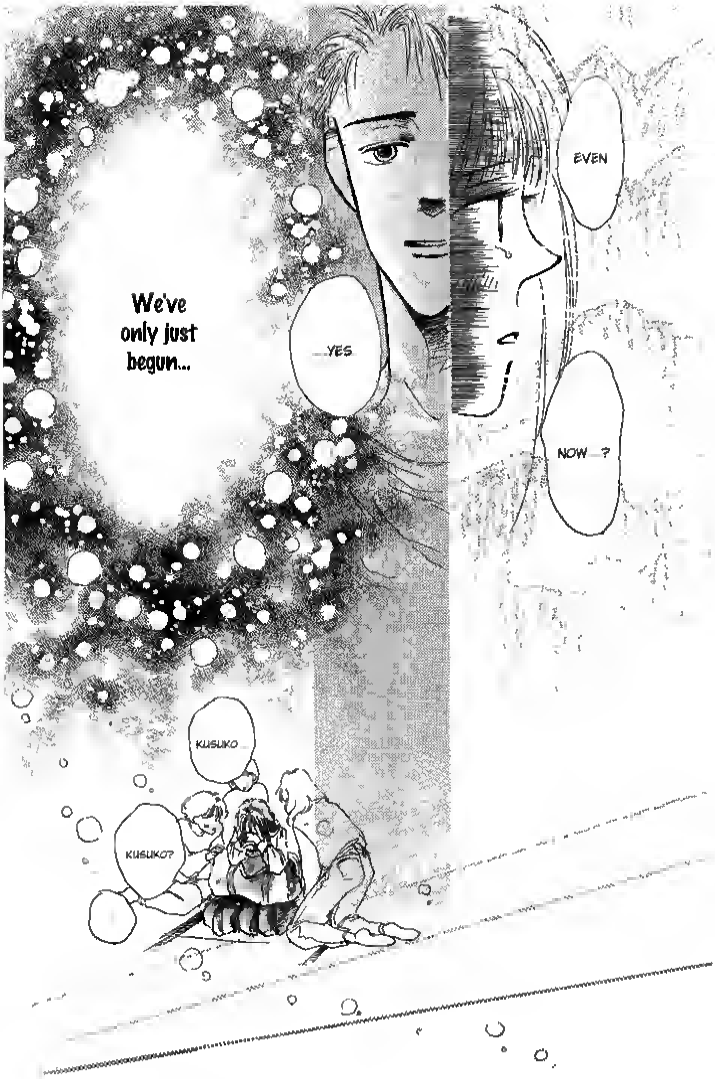
...KUSUKO,
YOU...
SHOULD BREAK UP WITH HIM
YOU SHOULD JUST BREAK UP
WITH A GUY LIKE HIM!


click...
Haruda you too?
Y?
The rest of you back to your rooms!
clatter clatter
clang
Shimizu! Mishima! You two come with me!
noise noise
noise noise
Hey you lot! What're you up to?!
break up...
clang
PIII-
Why Keita?!

BEEEP-


from here on out.
I'm going to know more about him

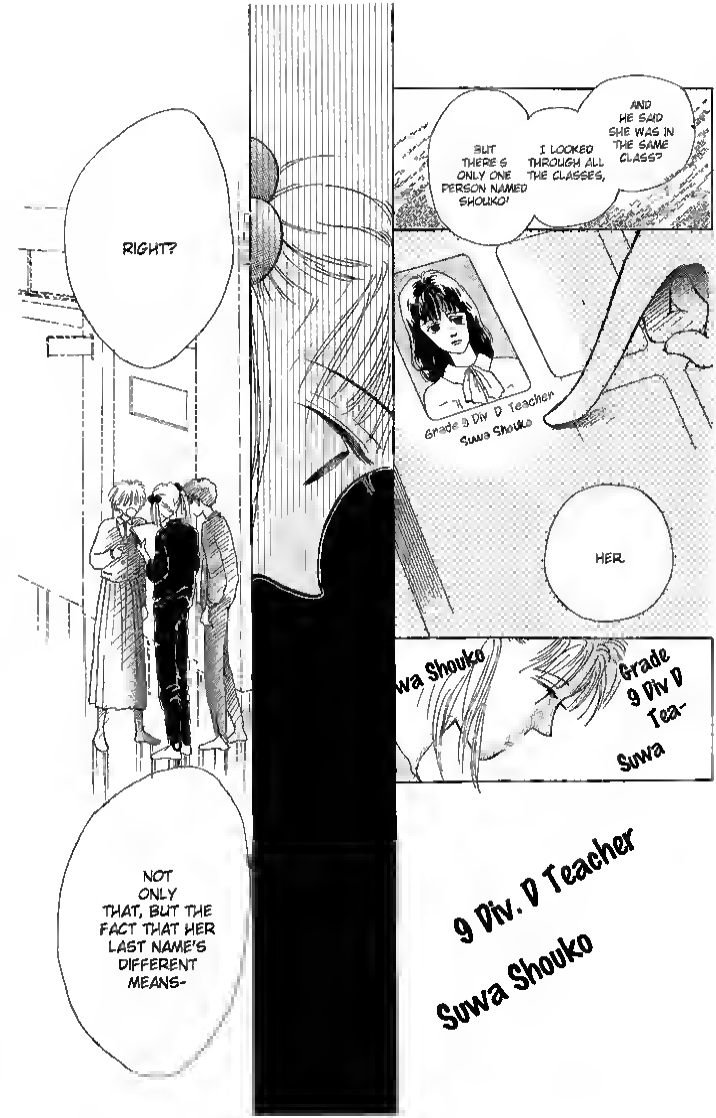
ALWAYS LIKED
I'VE
THIS GIRL
IWAEAKI...
SHOUKO
to know more about him.
I'm going
YES
BACK IN JUNIOR HIGH...?
FROM...


We've only just begun...
...YES
EVEN
NOW...?
KUSUKO...
KUSUKO?

The end of the school trip.
I'M DEAD TIRED I'M GONNA GRAB SOME Z'S ONCE I GET HOME
I'M EXHAUST-ED!
THE TRIP ENDED BEFORE WE KNEW IT!
noise
KO
KOTA!
I really did end up being "just for the school trip."

Mishima-kun
always looks...
YOU'LL PATCH THINGS UP BETWEEN YOU AND MISHIMA-KUN, WON'T YOU?
noise
noise
HE LOOKS SO LONELY...
SEE?
JUST TALK TO HIM, OKAY?
COME ON! PATCH THINGS UP!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DI-NG
DO-NG
He looks so lonely.
To me,
he looked lonely.
BUT YOU KNOW, I FOR ONE AM GLAD
YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE THAT DOWN ABOUT IT, YOU KNOW?
AND SINCE I WAS THE ONE WHO TOLD YOU TO GO FOR IT, I KINDA FELT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED, YOU KNOW...?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

Mo-ron!
Mo-ron!
WHAT A
BITCH!
SLAM
IT'S BETWEEN YOU AND HIM, RIGHT?
SO I WON'T TRY TO STICK MY HEAD IN
HEY, KUSUKO!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
SEEING AS HOW HE IS THE GUY THAT HE IS, I WAS KINDA EXPECTING HIM TO DUMP ME SOONER OR LATER ANYWAY
JUST FORGET IT, OKAY?
2-3 Harada
WHEEL
GRADE 1 TEST
WHAT ? WHY ARE YOU STILL LOOKING THROUGH THE GRADE 2 GRADE
BIG NEWS!
HE SAID THAT THE GIRL HE LIKES IS NAMED SHOUKO, RIGHT?!


RIGHT?
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THE FACT THAT HER LAST NAME'S DIFFERENT MEANS-
AND HE SAID SHE WAS IN THE SAME CLASS?
I LOOKED THROUGH ALL THE CLASSES,
BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON NAMED SHOUKO!
Grade 9 Div D Teacher
Suwa Shouko
HER
Grade 9 Div D Tea-
Suwa Shouko
9 Div. D Teacher
Suwa Shouko

I
can't
tell you
this.
TAKESHI GENEVA WHERE'S KOTA-SAN?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW? JUST LEAVE HIM BE. HE'LL COME BACK SOONER OR LATER.
...Mishima-kun.
DID YOU GUYS GET INTO A FIGHT OR SOMETHING?
That's why...
That's why...
KUSUKO?

please don't tell me...
GOT YOUR SCHOOL TIE BACK FOR YOU,
I
MISHIMA-KUN
Please don't tell me that it was a mistake...
GO OUT WITH ME
PLEASE